

DESDEMONA

born 1886

Well known right wing (neo-Fascist) Italian journalist (active in that profession since 1914)

Extensive background Near East

Married to Czech, former close collaborator with Mussolini

Was in Egypt from 1934 to 1940 (Became Head of Ital Propaganda Office in Cairo)

Served on the Russian Front in 1941

Assigned to Italian Foreign Ministry ("Centro Arabo") in 1942-1943 and his job was to maintain contact with Arab leaders in Rome

In March of 1943 he accompanied the leader of the Tunisian Nationalist Movement to Tunis where he was captured ~~in 1943~~ in 1943 and ~~was~~ interned in Cairo

Has been an active agent for KUBARK since 1947

Described by former case officer as anti-British, anti-Jewish and as having consistently sided with the Arabs. Intelligence-wise he was reported a "propagandist" rather than the (FI) type

He is an experienced intelligence operator and appears to have good contacts with Arabs.

His reports lately have been concerned largely with arab matters and Italian neo-fascist activities.

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